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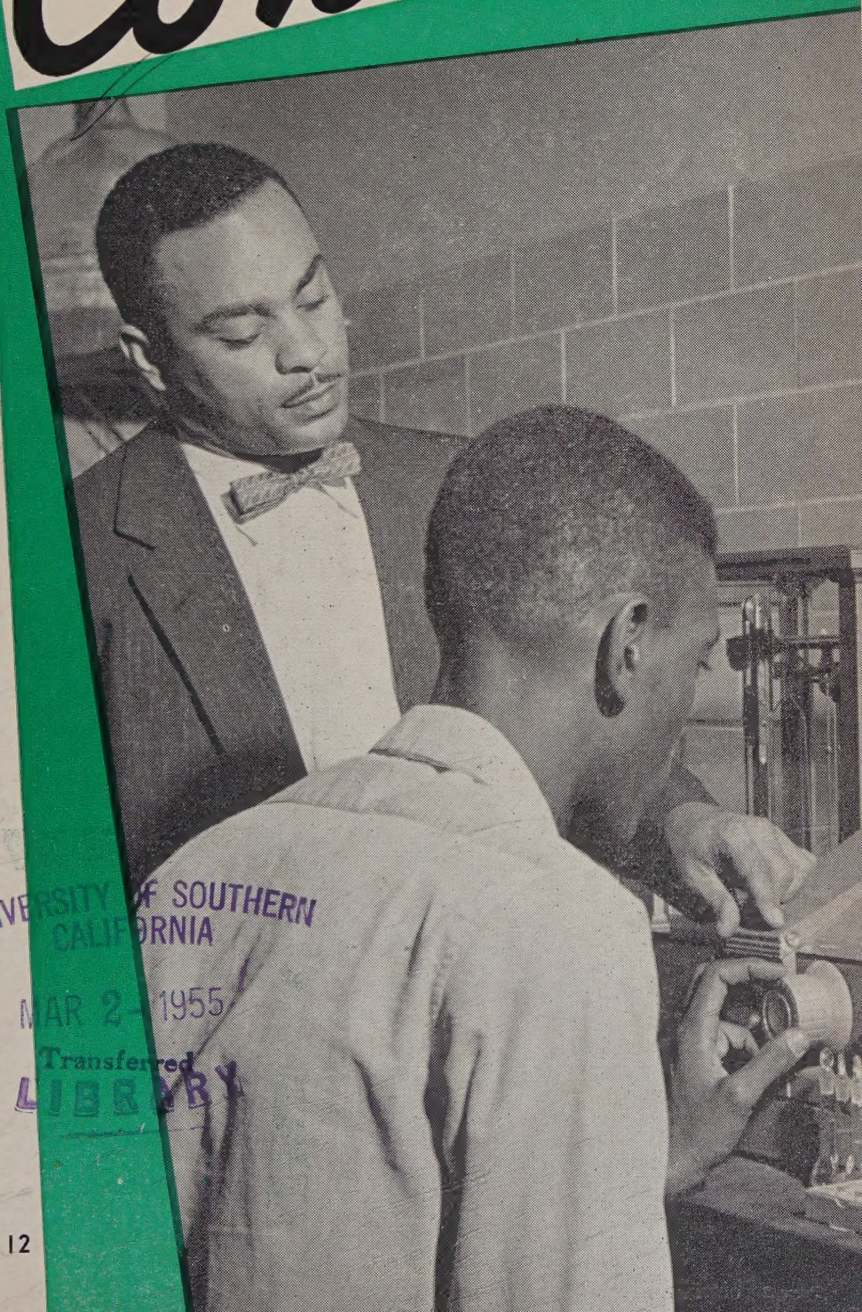

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Cover Photo

This scene from Dillard University, New Orleans, was chosen for our cover because Sunday, Feb. 13, is Race Relations day, when Methodism is urged to pay extra attention to the problems and progress that come under the heading of "race relations."

Two items concerning Dillard University have come our way lately.

First, the school, supported jointly by the Methodist and Congregational churches, is to receive special help from the Michigan area of The Methodist Church through its offering Feb. 13.

Michigan's Bishop Marshall R. Reed has said he believes church people will take a greater interest in this particular area of Christian concern if they have a specific project to support.

Second, while Methodists of all ages consider the matter of segregation-integration, Dillard University's President A. W. Dent has announced that The Methodist Church needs its Negro colleges more than ever, regardless of the Supreme Court's decision banning segregation in public schools.

He says this is because nearly all colleges are overcrowded, for one thing, with a doubled enrollment estimated to be due by 1970. He says, too, that Negro high schools, generally, lack facilities to prepare graduates properly for college, so the Negro colleges try to make up for the deficiency. There are 13 Negro institutions related to Methodism.

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...story of a Cross....

This is the story of a small silver cross, so small that it is less than a quarter of an inch in height. It is so small that when students wore it in Germany during the dark hours under the Nazi regime, one couldn't really see it unless one knew where to look. It was so small that it gave no one away to the enemy, and yet informed Christian students knew someone wearing it was a Christian friend.

The German student Christian movement was forced to go underground during the time of Hitler, but from the German SCM underground the World's Student Christian Federation received its first shipment of small silver crosses.

Secretly sent out of Germany to the Federation offices in Geneva, Switzerland, the crosses were to be sold and the money would be the German SCM contribution to the work of the Federation, which went on, war or no war.

Just a small silver cross—but all who wear it and confess the Name of Jesus know that they are members of a fellowship which transcends and withstands all the barriers and conflicts which would divide if they could.

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Dedicate self, gifts, Methodists asked

February brings to Methodism one of its great spiritual observances—the Week of Dedication, Feb. 20 to 27.

Lent begins during that week, and church people will be called to personal consecration and sacrificial sharing.

The first three Sundays this month will be observed as a study period concerning the "Crusade for World Order." Both students and MYF members will find interesting and valuable material on peace, the United Nations and disarmament in the study book, *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks.*

The fourth Sunday, Feb. 27, is Methodism's Day of Dedication, when each Methodist may dedicate himself and a portion of his material resources to the work and principles of a Christian world order.

There are no quotas nor apportionments for Dedication Day—simply approved projects to be supported. Crusade Scholarships for talented persons from other countries have priority on the first $100,000 to be given on Dedication Day.

This coming week, on the nationwide radio series, "Let There Be Light," sponsored by the National Council of Churches, a dramatic story about a Crusade Scholar from India will be presented. The program, titled "The Well," will be carried on several hundred stations throughout the country.

During the last ten years more than 800 native missionaries have been helped by Crusade Scholarships, and 105 are now studying in this country.

Dedication Day giving also will provide aid to emergency missionary projects both overseas and in this country, and will make funds available to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief for work in disaster areas and in the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Daily Bible reading bookmarks and explanatory material for each church family are to be distributed by pastors, and special services may be planned in local churches as desired.

"We Have an Altar" continues to be the theme of the Week of Dedication.

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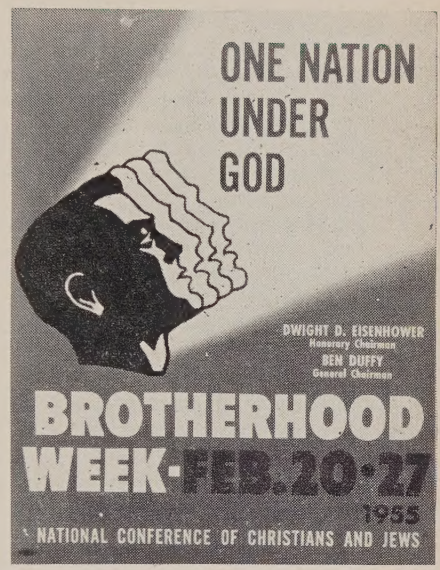

Photo of poster from RNS

Church to study youth program

The youth program of the Methodist Church will be studied in its entirety as the Youth Emphasis moves along in its 1952-56 schedule.

Following statements from youth members of the General Board of Education during meetings in Cincinnati in mid-January, the youth study was suggested by Dr. John Q. Schisler, secretary of the local church division of the board, and ordered in a joint session of the editorial and local church divisions.

"It's quite an experience to grow up in the atomic age, feeling that THE bomb could demolish us at any time," said Augusta Krause Saundstrom, 21, recently-married youth representative to the Board of Education from Salem, Ore.

Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Bartow, Fla., another youth member of the board, emphasized the fact that many young people are lost to the church as soon as they leave college.

Meanwhile, pastors' seminars for the

Youth Emphasis are going ahead—the needs of young people are being considered, and the pastors are studying how to meet those needs with volunteer adult workers and the church's resources.

"Spring Roundups" and training sessions for adult workers with youth are next on the Youth Emphasis schedule—an estimated 20,000 new adult workers are needed if the MYF grows by the hoped-for 500,000 youth by the end of next year.

In addition to a membership increase and leadership training for MYF's, local church programs will be strengthened by Youth Emphasis activities, and Christian Witness Missions will continue to be promoted.

"Get excited over new professor"

"I've often heard you college presidents exulting over the gift of a new building, but I have yet to hear any of you get excited over the acquisition of a new, able professor who has the power to inspire young life," Bishop Gerald Kennedy told Methodist college officials recently.

Speaking for the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church, meeting in Cincinnati in January, Bishop Kennedy said good teachers are more essential to the fulfillment of the mission of a college than good buildings.

President Fred G. Holloway of Drew University, Madison, N. J., said,

"The laymen of our churches must understand that the reason for supporting the Christian college is not because it has a deficit but because the ongoing program of Christian higher education is the church's rightful and proper concern."

Church officials meet, greet, act

Between 800 and 1,000 of the elected and employed leadership of Methodism met in Cincinnati Jan. 14 to 22 for an assembly of all boards and agencies of The Methodist Church.

The meeting was different from the every-four-years General Conference in that there was no attempt at representation of membership or legislative action for the whole church.

The Cincinnati assembly was mainly work sessions, with reports and shop talk the order of the day.

Sixty-four young people were commissioned to serve as home and foreign missionaries in a public ceremony one evening of the assembly week.

The General Board of Evangelism addressed a letter of gratitude to the President of the United States for his "interest in the spiritual life of our country," and brought to his attention three major emphases of the board's work: a nation-wide church attendance crusade, an unbroken Chain of Prayer throughout 1955, and Prayer Life Missions in churches everywhere.

The Board of Missions reported a total appropriation of $17,229,073 for missionary work from June 1 of this year through the 12 months to follow—the most in the 15 years of the board's existence.

Nearly seven million dollars will be used in some 40 nations overseas; another two and one-half million in the United States and its possessions; and the remainder will be used by the Woman's Division of Christian Service both at home and abroad.

Policy statements were adopted by the Board of World Peace, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, and the Board of Temperance.

"Yeah, uh huh, sounds fine—"

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It isn't being called Universal Military Training, in the news stories or the Capitol Hill discussions or the formal speeches.

Neither is it being called peacetime military conscription.

It's "an expanded reserve training program, a permanent military establishment, a nucleus for an emergency."

But because there is a basic argument against peacetime military conscription — under any name—that the National Conference of Methodist Youth believes is of vital concern to young America, CONCERN is continuing to publish that argument.

Since publication of our material on UMT! in the Jan. 21 issue of CONCERN, we have received inquiries as to details of the President's plan for induction, and as to "the other side of the question."

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The exact details are available as noted on page 7 of this issue of CONCERN. Any plan, whether it be simply extension of the present Selective Service law or a new "National Reserve Plan," aims at compulsory military service for all young American men, regardless of the extent of peace or war.

As for the arguments in favor of universal military training, we feel (a) they are adequately voiced by military leaders, government representatives, patriotic organizations and others; (b) to some extent they are included in our UMT material.

One element should be noted clearly in all discussion of proposed legislation: whatever is passed will not be for voluntary military service. It will be strictly compulsory. There may be allowances for education or "critical occupations" for a time but eventually every young man will have to face the military, and most will have to accept the military point of view as an obligation. **It will NOT "retain for free Americans their tradition of voluntary service as citizen-Reserves," the** Secretary of Defense to the contrary.

The National Conference of Methodist Youth, through its officers, has voted to oppose any form of peacetime conscription—universal military training. NCMY opposition may not prevent the passage of legislation which will make America a military nation even in peacetime—but **at the very least** it should help clarify the thinking of all young Methodists—help them express what they believe—give them a better understanding of the Christian concern.

The following material is one Methodist youth's answer to an article, "The Kids Want UMT," in the Jan. 16 issue of *This Week* magazine, a supplement to many Sunday newspapers throughout the United States.

DO the Kids Want UMT?

by
Richard Thompson
President, National Conference of Methodist Youth

Recently *This Week* magazine, a supplement in many Sunday papers, contained an article entitled, "The Kids Want UMT," by Myrick Land. The following paragraphs express the viewpoint and opinion of some "kids" who do NOT think UMT will accomplish the objectives its proponents claim.

These "kids" are thinking young people of high school and early college age, just the people who are most affected by a UMT proposal. I speak for one and one-half million youth who have taken a stand in opposition to UMT through their representatives meeting as the National Conference of Methodist Youth. Their adult leaders have appeared before Senate and House Armed Services committees in the past, expressing this opposition in terms which the young people themselves feel are valid. They are prepared to do so again.

The figure of one and one-half million represents only one Protestant denomination. I was present in the

1954 session of the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement (representing youth of the same age) when they took a similar stand on UMT. This statement of opposition represents the youth of 39 denominations in this country.

First of all, then, let's not allow Mr. Land to speak of a "noisy minority" of youth who oppose UMT.

War not inevitable

It was interesting to me to read the arguments Mr. Land says "kids" are using in favor of Universal Military Training. If they are analyzed carefully, they are obviously not arguments of logical and well-informed young people, though I would not for a moment doubt their sincerity.

For instance, one youth is quoted in the article as saying, "Let's face it. These are bad times." Mr. Land draws from such statements as this the argument that young people feel UMT is necessary in the light of the world conditions today. This argument does not summarize the feeling and conviction of American youth!

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The young people for whom I speak believe in peace. They believe that war is not an inevitable part of human history. They feel with British philosopher Bertrand Russell that "the governments of the world, Communist and anti-Communist, need to face the fact that their aims can no longer be achieved by war. If I belong to one of the neutral countries, I should urge my government . . . to very active steps to persuade both sides to abandon the threat of war as an instrument of policy."

Most of the youth of this country are **not** ready to give up on the possibility of peace and take a fatalistic attitude toward a Third World War.

What about leadership?

And here's one: Mr. Land says that the youth of the country feel UMT is fairer than the draft. He attempts to prove it by quoting a young man as saying, "If you're a big brain, the draft board says, 'That's all right, you go on off to college.' Don't the army need any brains?"

From the language and the thinking used in expressing this feeling, it seems clear that this is not an unbiased comment. We need more than anything else to realize and understand that the culture and prestige of our country depend not on military might or standing armies, but upon bigger things than the military. We need to understand that our country and its people need trained scientists, musicians, journalists, and philosophers. We need businessmen to lead our capitalistic system, educators and countless other professional men and women to develop our standard of living and growth.

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No, friend, the army "don't need brains" as badly as its country needs doctors, lawyers, and ministers.

Training needed

And what do adults say about UMT? Mr. Land tells us that they (a cross-section of voters, not of parents) favor it because they feel the military training will do the young people good.

It's no doubt true that young people need more training than they're being given in homes, churches, and schools. But the answer to this problem is not UMT, in which the youth learn to take orders and carry them out; to take care of themselves as best they can, not worrying about anybody else. The solution to this is better homes, churches, and schools.

In fact, the training of the army, in which a man is told when to get up, sit down, eat, and clean his rifle, is the best training I know for stifling initiative, learning to hate another guy's being, and seeking pleasurable diversions whenever they may be found, no matter what the moral implications.

Without being too hard on that life which is the Army, or on human nature, I think we can safely assume that we can't depend on that kind of training for the life we really want future generations to have.

Delinquency pro and con

In another portion of Mr. Land's article, juvenile delinquency is laid to

"military insecurity," and the argument is advanced that if UMT were adopted this military insecurity would be dispensed with, and so would much of juvenile delinquency. To this:

In the first place, insecurity as to exactly what day a man will be drafted is less a worry in the minds of most of the young people I've talked to than would be the certain security of interruption of education and career for six months to a year of basic training, plus six to eight more in active reserve units.

In the second place, it is unfair to lay juvenile delinquency to one specific cause, or to suggest that there is any one specific remedy. For instance, we can match Mr. Land's quotation on the subject with one from the *Saturday Evening Post* in which J. C. Lison reports that "of 2,000 juvenile delinquents in Detroit, church attendance caused two-thirds to straighten out and no further offenses were committed." So, **according to Mr. Land's logic,** we have our choice between UMT and better support of our churches to combat juvenile delinquency.

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Obviously this social football can be tossed only so far in this discussion, but it is not far-fetched to say that support of the church, which emphasizes basic ideals and principles in human life, will help solve the problem. Training a man in the strict, cold discipline of military life fits only into the negative side of the discussion.

Pentagon objects

Mr. Land lists several arguments used by teen-agers who oppose UMT. To add to his list, and to point out a fallacy or two in common beliefs about UMT, let me enumerate the following:

1. There are objections to UMT in the Pentagon and among the leaders of the country. John G. Norris, military writer for the *Washington Post*, tells us: "Pentagon objectives to UMT are many. They say they can't use the 4-F's, and that all usable men who are needed for the armed forces will be taken anyway. Another big objection to UMT comes from Air Force and Navy officers who contend that it takes far more than six months to train useful airmen and sailors."

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2. Proponents of UMT want a reserve force of trained military men. The machinery for this already exists within the framework of present training programs. Present ROTC units on college campuses and Reserve Units, for instance, aren't exactly Boy Scout troops.

Standing army inadequate

3. A large standing army would not prevent or be of significant use in a surprise attack by Russia or any other nation. How could standing armies have prevented Pearl Harbor? With atomic weapons and super-sonic rockets available to both sides, this argument is less logical now than it has ever been.

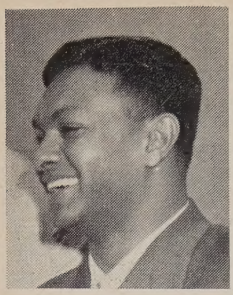
4. Further, UMT-trained men would not be available for immediate service in the event of war. Modern war is fought by "combat teams." Men who serve their six months in UMT, recalled later, would have to train with a unit from the beginning, as well as to learn how to handle new and different weapons.

5. A standing army will not scare Russia into submission. If the United States monopoly of the atomic bomb didn't frighten Russia, it is obvious that training of manpower, in which Russia can always exceed us, will not.

"Military mind"

6. UMT will mean military domination of every man's life for a total of eight years. During this time each man would have to serve a hitch either in the National Guard or other form of organized reserve, or in the regular armed services. During all this time, too, he would be constantly exposed to the kind of undemocratic thinking generally called the "military mind."

7. We're not alone in thinking that UMT would have a harmful effect on the morals of the men exposed to it. The president's commission on UMT, composed entirely of people favorable to the program, wrote: "We must admit at once to the serious moral prob-

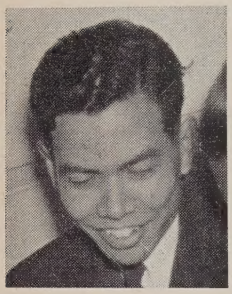


D. T. Niles

Officers of World's Student Christian Federation

Philippe Maury, right, is general secretary of the WSCF, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. D. T. Niles of Ceylon, top left, is chairman of the executive committee. Other Federation secretaries are Kyaw Than, associate; Leila Giles and Valdo Galland.

Philippe Maury



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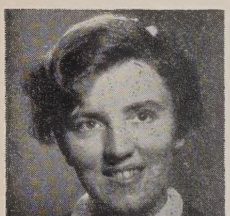

Leila Giles

Valdo Galland

The 1955 observance of the Universal Day of Prayer for Students will be Sunday, Feb. 20, under the auspices of the World's Federation of Christian Students.

This has a meaning for Methodist students everywhere, for all who are identified with the Methodist Student Movement automatically are part of the United Student Christian Council, the American section of the WSCF.

The Day of Prayer, however, may be celebrated by Christian students anywhere, whether they are part of an organized group or not. Philippe Maury, general secretary of the Federation, has said:

"The Universal Day of Prayer for Students is in no way the property of, nor was it initiated by, the Federation, and it is not primarily an occasion for intercession for the Federation and its member Movements. It is essentially a Day of Prayer for all students . . . *It is not essentially a day on which students pray for one another. They should do this every day . . . It should be above all the occasion on which Christian students ask the churches to intercede for students and for Christian witness among them."*

William Gaiser, chairman of the National Methodist Student Commission comprising all Methodist student groups, has said:

"The World's Student Christian Federation is the living Fellowship of Jesus Christ within the student world. It is a Fellowship whose Spirit supercedes the narrow barriers of denominationalism, prejudice, nationalism and creedal selfishness. It is a Fellowship whose unity makes brothers in Christ of all who seek together to find His face. It is a Fellowship whose strength and support must come from the prayers and contributions of all our students. And it is a Fellowship about which it may be said in the words of Paul, "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (I Cor. 12:27)

Universal Day of Prayer for Students

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1955, student groups and church congregations in many countries of the northern hemisphere, and at some later date in the southern hemisphere, will gather together on the occasion of the Universal Day of Prayer for Students.

As every year, the World's Student Christian Federation calls not only its members, but all Christians everywhere to join in common intercession for students and Christian work among them in all part of the world.

We have in mind the many needs of students everywhere.

We think of the vast numbers who are unable to carry on their studies in a normal way because of the conditions in which they have to work: lack of money for many; disease of body for others; in many countries social or political conditions incompatible with the requirements of good scholarship; oppression, persecution, injustice of various kinds, from which students, as much as others, sometimes more than others, have to suffer.

We think of these many thousands of students, Christian or not, for whom the future seems a dangerous, threatening, unknown territory. We think of all those "having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12).

On this day of intercession we ask you to remember in your prayers not only those Christian students who, even in difficulties and through suffering, know the hope to which He has called them (Eph. 1:18), but especially that large mass of students, in theoretically Christian countries of the West, as well as in other lands, who have never heard of the hope that is in Christ Jesus.

We think it fitting, a short time after the second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, to call you to pray God that He will bring students to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, so they may be filled with all joy and peace in believing, that they may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost (Romans 15:13).

In addressing to you this Call to Prayer, we are also convinced that we are inviting you to receive from God great spiritual riches.

As officers of the W.S.C.F., we have experienced over and over again, and particularly in our conferences and meetings, that when we gather together to present to God our intercessions for others, we are suddenly overwhelmed by a sense of fulfillment, of completion.

We have understood that God wills that His children, who have come out of many races, nations and confessions, be one in Him in worship, in prayer for one another and for all others, in common action which speaks the language of love in His service.

In prayer we h a v e received, and everyone can receive, a foretaste of the future, the momentary but overwhelming realization of our oneness in Jesus Christ, when we all turn to Him in prayer. Such an experience cannot ultimately be explained; some experiences are better left unexplained and just received with gratitude for God's goodness.

When you will meet on the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, remember that you will sing to the praise of God in your own tongue, but in the company of those from other lands who sing in other tongues; that you will repeat the Lord's Prayer together with thousands of others who will offer it to God in German, in French, in Finnish, in an Italian dialect; that you will worship and intercede together with others c o m i n g from different Christian traditions.

And then you will perhaps understand in a new way how all Christians are one in Him, who is the Father of all, and who has called us together to worship Him . . . .

MSM Chalet Fund

$3,000 and you

The Methodist Student Movement has been asked to support a study chalet in Australia in January of next year for Christian students from Australia, South East Asia, and other countries of the world.

The national MSM has pledged $3,000 for the chalet, to be under the auspices of the World's Student Christian Federation.

Three dozen young people will meet in New South Wales, Australia, for a month or so, seeking to understand the Christian concept of community with all its importance for our modern world. Representing many different racial, national and cultural differences, they will study, discuss and worship together in a Christian fellowship.

This will be the first WSCF project in this part of the world, previous chalets (study seminars) having been in Europe. Other years, the MSM has contributed $1,000 annually for the WSCF projects, but this year the National Methodist Student Commission voted to underwrite the new seminar with an appropriation of $3,000.

Directors will be Miss Leila Giles, Federation secretary, and Peter Bailey of the Australian Student Christian Movement, who by the time of the chalet will be married.

Offerings for the MSM's Chalet Fund will be taken in many groups on the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, or on Good Friday.

All funds should be clearly marked "MSM Chalet Fund" and sent to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11.

Extra copies of a leaflet describing the project, already mailed to local student centers, are available free from the Department of College and University Religious Life, Box 871, Nashville 2.

Extra copies of this issue of CONCERN available, 5¢ each, Box 871, Nashville 2. Supply limited . . . order at once.

SYDNEY HARBOR

It all began 60 years ago

Today in more than 50 countries where students become members of a great variety of local or national Christian organizations in their universities and colleges, they enter at the same time the wider fellowship of the World's Student Christian Federation.

The WSCF was founded in 1895 in a medieval castle in Vadstena, Sweden, by a group of five already existing American and European Student Christian Movements, who were committed to a "substantial endeavor to enable Christ to come alive to students so that He may lay claim to their souls."

To fulfill this task they had a vision of a Christian Association in every college, a Student Christian Movement in every nation, with all united in a world-wide fellowship through the Federation.

In the following years there were SCM's in China, Japan, Indian, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. In 1911 the first effective contact was made with the Orthodox student world.

Since that time the Federation has been a major factor in the rebuilding of the countries torn by two wars and has been steadily increasing its areas of service and witness. It now has affiliated movements in 25 countries, corresponding movements in 12 countries, and 15 pioneering movements. There is also a Russian SCM outside of Russia.

The Federation has sought to provide, through its publications and conferences, an ecumenical and international context in which members and leaders of its Movements can see their own problems more clearly, can exchange ideas and experiences, and through Christian fellowship, renew their strength for the task of proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all realms of life.

The United Student Christian Council was formed in 1944 as a result of several earlier provisions among member movements for cooperating in their mission and ministry on the campuses in the United States.

While still a federation of member movements, the USCC is the ecumenical expression in the student Christian world in the USA. It has 14 member movements, including the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., the Student Volunteer Movement, and the Interseminary Movement.

In September, 1953, the USCC voted to become the related student movement within the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. It operates within the NCCC as the student movement of the NCCC's Department of Campus Christian Life.

The USCC initiated a survey in 1952 which resulted in the launching of the Faculty Christian Fellowship for interested and concerned Christian professors, now the faculty movement of the Department of Campus Christian Life.

Cues for students

Would you like to have more material on the United Student Christian Council, the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, the World's Federation of Christian Students, etc.?

These items are available as indicated:

USCC Practical Guide No. 1, *You and the W.S.C.F.*, in lots of 20 for $1.50.

USCC Practical Guide No. 2, including the complete Call for the Observance of the Day of Prayer, the service of worship recommended for use in 1954, and specific suggestions on how to plan for the day on your campus, 10 cents a copy.

USCC Practical Guide No. 3, *Study Materials for the Christian Student*, includes order blanks for obtaining material from student groups, 10 cents a copy.

USCC Practical Guide No. 4, *Interpretation of the WSCF Program of Mutual Assistance for* 1955, includes the Australian Chalet in its list of projects, 10 cents a copy.

The *Student World* is a quarterly publication primarily for student Christian leaders and persons beyond the under-graduate level, $2 yearly.

A subscription for the *Federation News Sheet*, $1 a year, provides regular information about local activities in Student Christian Movements.

All items may be ordered from the United Student Christian Council, 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10.

Oregon conference offers outreach

Oregon's Outreach conference, "Operation Outreach," is just a memory . . . but what a memory! says Dave Steward, chairman. The three-day program at Corvallis offers several elements other MYF groups may want to use.

In the first-night program a chalk talk showed the relationship of the MYF to the total church program, the relationship of the Christian Outreach program area to the entire MYF program, and where other areas of concern and the MYFund fitted into the Christian Outreach program area.

Buzz groups handled questions on Outreach, using *Handbook* for resource, and the reports later to the entire group "introduced the program area far better than a lecture could have done." A skit and a short worship service ended the evening's program.

The unique part of the Saturday schedule was the use of **many** visual aids—movies and slides on India and Pakistan, table displays of Indian articles, and the film, "Village of the Poor."

In 90 afternoon minutes the group, divided, turned out THREE complete MYF programs, following assignments from the chairman, which they learned later would be the mission programs for the conference for January. With background material from the morning session and "expert" help, each subgroup got experience in making use of mission material and in program planning.

By Saturday evening "the kids were really becoming interested in the whole area." A Wesley Foundation production of "Empty Hands" was a perfect preface for the presentation of "Each One Win One," Oregon Conference goal for this year. A circle of light, more than 100 candles strong, concluded the program, and Operation Outreach ended—on the conference level—on Sunday with a sermon and a summary.

Prior to Operation Outreach, 110 Oregon MYF members met at McMinnville for a Faithspiration which combined a panel discussion, buzz groups, "example" worship services, a book sales counter and suggested worship settings.

MYF in action

MYF Roundup

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In the first-night program a chalk talk showed the relationship of the MYF to the total church program, the relationship of the Christian Outreach program area to the entire MYF program, and where other areas of concern and the MYFund fitted into the Christian Outreach program area.

Buzz groups handled questions on Outreach, using *Handbook* for resource, and the reports later to the entire group "introduced the program area far better than a lecture could have done." A skit and a short worship service ended the evening's program.

The unique part of the Saturday schedule was the use of **many** visual aids—movies and slides on India and Pakistan, table displays of Indian articles, and the film, "Village of the Poor."

In 90 afternoon minutes the group, divided, turned out THREE complete MYF programs, following assignments from the chairman, which they learned later would be the mission programs for the conference for January. With background material from the morning session and "expert" help, each subgroup got experience in making use of mission material and in program planning.

By Saturday evening "the kids were really becoming interested in the whole area." A Wesley Foundation production of "Empty Hands" was a perfect preface for the presentation of "Each One Win One," Oregon Conference goal for this year. A circle of light, more than 100 candles strong, concluded the program, and Operation Outreach ended—on the conference level—on Sunday with a sermon and a summary.

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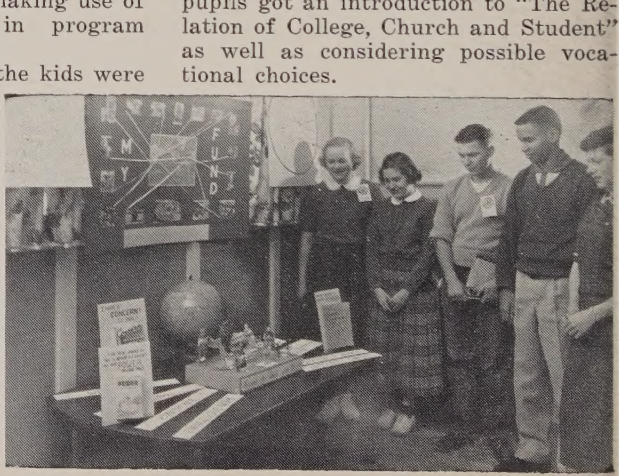

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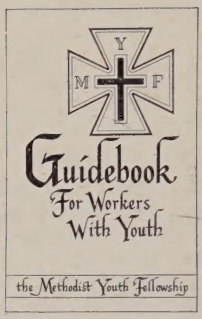

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"If you were on a church steeple wit a goose for a companion and had n ladder, rope or other means of des cending, what would you do?"

"Pick the goose and get down."

This is not known to have been copy righted at any time:

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"Reverse of what?"

"Well, there you see the bull throw ing people."

Then there is this one, donated (n one would pay for it) to the editor o CONCERN (we didn't see it coming):

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